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***Via Electronic Mail Delivery***

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***Re: Written Ex Parte Communication***  
***WT Docket No. 03-103***

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sprint submits this letter in support of a competitive market landscape for in-flight services aboard commercial airlines using Air-to-Ground ("ATG") spectrum. As a leading provider of Wi-Fi services in airports, as well as PCS voice and data services nationwide, Sprint views the opportunity to extend voice and data services onboard commercial airlines as an important frontier for commercial telecommunications services.

To ensure that providers have reasonable access to their customer base on commercial aircraft, Sprint urges the Commission to pursue a regulatory approach for revamping the ATG service that facilitates competition among multiple service providers. While Sprint recognizes that in-flight wireless services can be delivered over satellite as well as terrestrial networks, cost and logistical constraints may prevent satellite systems from serving as a viable competitive alternative for many airlines and routes, especially with respect to the provision of broadband data services.

It seems likely that the goal of achieving a competitive, multiple service provider outcome for ATG services also could be furthered by allocating additional spectrum specifically for ATG use, such as some portion of the so-called "H Block" spectrum at 1915-1920 MHz and 1995-2000 MHz.

Finally, to the extent the Commission may be considering whether to authorize the ATG licensee(s) to provide some kind of Ancillary Terrestrial Service ("ATC"), Sprint opposes such action as unsupported by the record in this proceeding. The mixture of an ATC and ATG service implicates interference and other issues not adequately addressed by the docket and submissions made.

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Respectfully submitted,

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